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SUBJECT: FONMIN'S FISCHER'S TRIP TO MOSCOW

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1. AT LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 5 WITH DR. GEYER (DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SECTION OF THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY), DCM ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING DR. GEYER COULD SAY ABOUT THE VISIT TO MOSCOW JANUARY 27-28 OF GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER, POLITBURO MEMBER HERMANN AXEN, AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV (REFTEL).

2. DR. GEYER OBSERVED THAT IT WAS NORMAL AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR TO DISCUSS IN MOSCOW THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUES THAT LIE AHEAD. FONMIN FISCHER'S VISIT SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS LIGHT.

3. AFTER A MOMENT'S REFLECTION, DR. GEYER THEN SAID IN  
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HAD DISCUSSED WITH GDR OFFICIALS WAS THE US TRADE AGREEMENT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR SOVIET POLICY AND FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. DR. GEYER DESCRIBED SOVIET OFFICIALS AS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN AN ASSESSMENT OF WHAT THE TRADE AGREEMENT, AND ITS REJECTION, WILL MEAN FOR THE FUTURE COURSE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS. HE SAID THE RUSSIANS HAD DISCUSSED THE TRADE AGREEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF DETENTE, AND HAD TOLD GDR OFFICIALS THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WHAT WAS AGREED UPON AT VLADIVOSTOK WOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF SOVIET POLICY. DR. GEYER DESCRIBED THE TRADE BILL AS "A HEAVY BLOW", BUT LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRAME-WORK OF DETENTE REMAINED INTACT.COOPER

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